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## BIG REWARDS OFFERED FOR ARREST OF BOMB PLOTTERS IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco, July 24.—Under the pressure of public sentiment which has been aroused over the bomb explosion that marked Saturday's preparedness parade here, the authorities today are working with determination to apprehend the perpetrator of the deed. To the death list of six it is expected that two and probably more of the 44 injured will be added, five of the victims being reported in a critical condition.

Led by Mayor Rolph who has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest of the person, and who is taking an active part in the search, scores of citizens have volunteered their services for personal aid.

A mass meeting to express an opinion on the bomb outrage, was called today for July 26 by Frederick J. Koster, president of the chamber of commerce and chairman of the committee on law and order which was appointed recently to deal with the longshoremen strike situation.

As a result of conferences between Mayor Rolph and Governor Hiram A. Johnson, it is regarded as likely that the state will supplement the city's action with the offer of a large reward for the assassin.

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the brother of one of the victims.

### Former Merchant King Now Has Only Few Thousands

From the regal position of a merchant king, controlling great whole sale and retail establishments in New York and dominating a chain of 27 department stores in cities throughout America, John Clafin has been reduced to a position which places him on about the same financial footing as many of the army of clerks he formerly employed. Mr. Clafin was born in Brooklyn 66 years ago today, July 24, 1850, the son of Horace B. Clafin, the founder of the great wholesale dry goods firm of H. B. Clafin & Co., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. John Clafin, accustomed to the enjoyment of wealth all his life, entered his father's house in 1873, and when H. B. Clafin died in 1885 he became the head of the business. He gradually extended his sphere of operations by becoming interested in department stores in many cities, and when the crash came in 1914 which swept his fortune away the H. B. Clafin Company or Mr. Clafin personally controlled 27 big stores, in cities as far west as Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma, as far north as Hamilton, Canada, and as far south as Montgomery, Ala. In addition, through his interest in the Associated Merchants' Company and the United Dry Goods Company, Mr. Clafin was connected with 10 other big stores. While many of these concerns have survived the Clafin crash and are now on a firm and prosperous basis, Mr. Clafin's personal fortune was lost. He re-

cently testified that his present total wealth is not greater than \$2,000, and that of this amount only about \$200 was money in the bank, the remainder being in clothing, jewelry and personal effects. At the time of the Clafin Company's failure he turned over to the receivers practically everything that he possessed to be used in the reorganization for the benefit of the creditors. Mr. Clafin's statement as to his financial status was made in the course of a suit brought against him for the rental due on the buildings of one of his New York stores, which he had leased at an annual rental of \$157,075. The former merchant king admitted that out of the wreckage of his fortune he had paid \$30,000 to poor women who had lost money through his failure.

Commissioner Dillon of the State Department of Foods and Markets has sent out instructions to dealers that after September 1 all eggs that came from cold storage must be so marked on their shells.

Thomas Benson and Louis Windley of New York, were sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta for having secured securities belonging to the \$808,000 loot of a mail robbery.

### FUNERAL BOUQUETS AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON.

## BLISS PLEASED BY INSPECTIONS AT BORDER LINE

Militiamen Like Regulars, Says Assistant Chief of Staff.

San Antonio, Texas, July 24.—The National Guard, the spirit shown by the militiamen, and the high degree of efficiency shown by their officers were all praised by Major Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the army, after his return from a tour of inspection in the vicinity of Brownsville.

General Bliss, in a long talk with several correspondents at the home of General Funston, said that the physical condition of the men was excellent and that, with their officers, they had gone through the hard work of making new camps with such expedition and efficiency as to amaze old timers in the army. There could have been no less confusion if a similar number of regulars accustomed to moving and pitching camps for years had suddenly been ordered from stations in the East to the border, he said.

But the thing that won the greatest admiration of the assistant chief of staff was the manner in which the men met the difficulties and minor hardships incidental to their experience. They were showing magnificent military spirit, he said. In every movement of a large body of soldiers, the conveniences and comforts of post or garrison life, such as a sufficient number of cots and mess halls, come after the men—usually a considerable time after. Until they arrive the soldier does the best he can without them. General Bliss was delighted to find the guardsmen, instead of complaining, were proud of their ability to do without the comforts which regular soldiers do without when in the field.

Improvements were being made rapidly, however, he said. He found health conditions surprisingly good all along the line, with less than 1 per cent of sickness of any sort and no serious illness whatever, and he praised the work of the Medical Corps particularly.

### Fear Misleading Reports.

A number of officers have recently expressed fear that articles published in "home" newspapers telling of hardships and privations undergone by the men, when founded on isolated incidents instead of general conditions, might have a very serious effect on the present enthusiastic spirit shown by the guardsmen. Such articles, they point out, alarm relatives and friends of the guardsmen and result in bushels of letters to the guardsmen, urging them to get out if they can.

General Bliss referred to this and mentioned an article in an upstate New York paper which said that the regiment of militia from that region was "starving." He said he made a special investigation of this report and found that the members of the regiment themselves were outraged at it and at the urgent letters they were receiving from home as a consequence. It had no foundation, he said, and they declared their rations were quite adequate and that they themselves had no complaint to make. No effort is made by the officials to deny that there have been slip-ups in the confusion of travel when rations have run short, but at present everything is said to be going with the regularity of the camps of the regulars at all of the militia camps.

When the officials here were considering the applications of a small percentage of the Illinois militia stationed here to be released, on the ground that the persons dependent on them, a novel case came before them. An order came from Washington to the effect that Private Thomas Connors of Battery C, First Illinois Field Artillery, should be released. Battery C is known as the "society battery." Connors' father, said to be wealthy and a member of a large packing company, had applied to Washington to have his son released. The order was executed last evening.

Connors, who is 25 years old, waited to see General Funston personally late last night. He said he wanted to continue to serve, and had not requested his release. He looked on relief as a sort of disgrace, so the order, after being suspended until the other side of the case of Connors, Jr., vs. Connors, Sr., could be heard.

General Bliss next will visit Laredo, preparatory to rendering his report on the militia to Secretary Baker. He said tonight that he believed the militia from Texas would be a credit to them thus far, would be adequately seasoned and ready for the sort of campaigning that would be done in Mexico. In case of general operations, within two months or perhaps less.

### Bliss Reports to Washington

Washington, July 22.—Another report from Major Gen. Bliss to the War department on his inspection of National Guard camps on the Mexican border said he found the encampments at Liano Grande, Donna, Mercedes and Harlingen, Texas, in an excellent state of health, with sanitary conditions ranging from good to excellent. The dispatch follows:

"Finished inspection of Minnesota and Indiana infantry brigades and two regiments of Nebraska infantry and auxiliary troops from these states, all stationed at Liano Grande, and portions of Texas infantry brigades stationed at Donna, Mercedes and Harlingen. With the exception of one Indiana regiment which was in shelter tents, the troops inspected today are comfortably sheltered. The large tents for this regiment are coming in by express today.

"Command in excellent state of health, the sick report being practically negligible. Camp water supply system at Liano Grande is nearly completed. The water at all stations inspected is of excellent quality. Sanitary conditions of these various camps varied from good to excellent. The condition of the poorer camps in this respect is being rapidly improved.

"All officers and men interviewed by me stated that the rations are abundant in quantity, excellent in quality, and of suitable variety. General spirit of contentment the same as indicated in my previous telegram."

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## AMBULANCE CORPS SEEKS MEN HERE FOR WAR SERVICE

Need for Volunteers Sends Worker Into State for Recruits.

Hartford, July 24.—Paul Ney of Farmington, has received a letter from James B. Thomas, of the American ambulance headquarters in New York, asking him to act as organizer for a local movement to secure men for ambulance service at the European front. The letter was sent in accordance with a cable recently received by Mr. Thomas from A. Platt Andrew, inspector-general of the American ambulance field service in France, which read as follows:

"Please organize movement secure field service ambulancers six months' enlistment."

Mr. Thomas states in his letter that he has been instructed from New York headquarters to go ahead with the matter. According to Mr. Thomas, high-class men are wanted at once, and Mr. Ney is asked to act as a district manager, and do what he can to secure one or more men for the service. He is at liberty to use whatever methods he may deem most effective and necessary.

In order to qualify as volunteer drivers for the American Ambulance hospital in France men must be native born American citizens. They must be able to refer to five or six persons of standing, such as physicians, lawyers, clergymen, bankers and professors who will vouch for their American citizenship, their reliability, sobriety, industry, and amenability to discipline. Volunteers must have clean records at college and afterward, and only men who are in sympathy with the allies and wish to help them are wanted. It is emphasized that the service is no place for sight-seers or adventurers. Although the term of service is for six months, preference is given to men who are able and willing to remain in the service for a longer period. The expenses of six months' service are roughly about \$300, and \$400 for a year, as indicated by such items as transportation from New York to Paris, \$75; return transportation, \$75; uniform and equipment, \$50, and incidentals computed at \$15 a month. Board and lodging are furnished free of charge from the time of arrival in Paris.

Expenses coming under the head of incidentals include such items as tobacco and laundry and the opportunity to spend money is small. A reduction in transportation of twenty-five per cent. is allowed by the French lines to volunteers, and no uniforms are purchased until Paris is reached, the cost for the uniform, cap and overcoat being about \$50.

In regard to their equipment volunteers are urged to travel as light as they can. Two pairs of good leather driving mittens and two pairs of heavy high-grade shoes are essential, and they must be waterproof. A medium weight sweater or a T-shirt is needed, and also two dozen copies of the 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inch photograph that is attached to the volunteer's passport. These are for permits, licenses and identification cards. If the money taken on the trip is of small amount it should be in cash, and of French gold or paper, and if large in a draft or letter of credit, preferably on Morgan, Harjes & Co. of Munroe, Paris.

All volunteers should be vaccinated before leaving, and they must be inoculated for typhoid. When applicants are accepted they should take with them to Paris the doctor's certificate showing that the regular prescribed inoculation has been given. Application for a passport should be made to the clerk of the federal court in the district in which the applicant resides, and the state department requires a letter from the headquarters of the American ambulance stating that the applicant is engaged for service. The letter will be sent after a preliminary correspondence. The need of men for the service is urgent and candidates are asked to lose no time in sending in their applications. Final acceptance must rest with the New York committee after a personal interview with

the applicant, but preliminary correspondence and examination by representatives of the committee should show quite conclusively whether or not the candidate would be accepted. The applicant will, before sailing, report at the New York headquarters, where he will receive a letter to the French consul-general, who will accept the passport, a letter to the French line for the securing of fare reduction, a letter of introduction to the committee in Paris, and a letter of credential in French. All inquiries and correspondence should be addressed to William R. Hereford, headquarters American Ambulance No. 14 Wall street, New York city.



The young lady across the way says she's done considerable good reading from time to time but she expects soon to take it up in a more desultory way and really accomplish something.

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